

REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed Jan. 25, 2007, in which Claims 1-18 were rejected. Applicant has thoroughly reviewed the outstanding Office Action including the Examiner's remarks and the references cited therein. The following remarks, when coupled with the above amendments, are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action and render the claims at issue patentable.

Claims 1, 7, 10 and 16 are amended. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added and that the originally filed specification, drawings, and claims support the amendments.

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. §102

With respect to the Office Action, Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Suiya Wang (U.S. Patent No. 6,312,293). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claims 1 and 10 recite a slim phone jack for a phone plug with a spring arm. The slim phone jack includes an upper cover, two sidewalls and a lower cover. A plurality of contact terminals disposed in the upper cover to couple to a plurality of corresponding contact terminals of the phone plug. The lower cover is utilized to couple to a printed circuit board having a fixing slot. In addition, the lower cover includes a guiding slot formed by an opening to allow the spring arm of the phone plug being fixed in the fixing slot of the printed circuit board coupled to

the lower cover.

On the other hand, the receptacle connector disclosed by Wang includes an insulative housing (1) having an upper wall (18) a bottom face (15), and two sidewalls (17), with a receiving space (10) defined therebetween. The contacting section 30 is disposed on the bottom face 15 and the guiding slot is formed on the upper wall 18. In addition, the receptacle connector has to further include a fixing slot formed on the upper wall 18 above the guiding slot to fix the complementary plug connector.

Since Wang fails to disclose or suggest the fixing slot of the printed circuit board for the spring arm being fixed therein, the structures of the cited reference and the present application are different.

Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent Claim 1 and 10 are allowable over the art of record and respectfully requests the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejections thereof to be reconsidered and withdrawn. In addition, insofar Claims 2-9 and 11-18 depend from independent Claims 1 and 10 and add further limitations thereto, the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejections of these claims should be reconsidered and withdrawn as well. Now that the rejections in the Office Action have been overcome, withdrawal of the rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims as currently presented are in condition for allowance and hereby respectfully request reconsideration. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to pass the case to issue at the earliest convenience.

Should the Examiner deem it helpful, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's attorney at (650) 474-8400.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey Brill', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

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